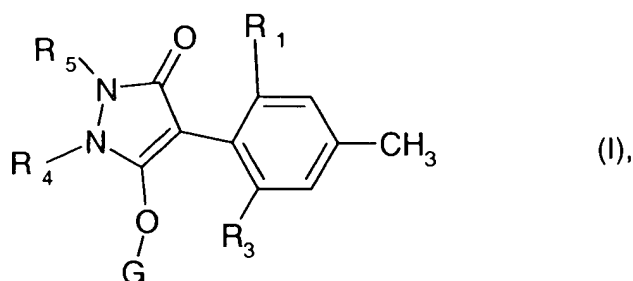


What is claimed is:

1. A selectively herbicidal composition which, in addition to customary inert formulation assistants, comprises as active ingredient a mixture of
- a) a herbicidally effective amount of a compound of formula I



wherein

$R_1$  and  $R_3$  are, each independently of the other, ethyl, haloethyl, ethynyl,  $C_1$ - or  $C_2$ -alkoxy,  $C_1$ - or  $C_2$ -haloalkoxy,  $C_1$ - or  $C_2$ -alkylcarbonyl or  $C_1$ - or  $C_2$ -hydroxyalkyl;

$R_4$  and  $R_5$  together are a group  $Z_2$  - $CR_{14}(R_{15})$ - $CR_{16}(R_{17})$ -O- $CR_{18}(R_{19})$ - $CR_{20}(R_{21})$ - ( $Z_2$ );

$R_{14}$ ,  $R_{15}$ ,  $R_{16}$ ,  $R_{17}$ ,  $R_{18}$ ,  $R_{19}$ ,  $R_{20}$  and  $R_{21}$  are, each independently of the others, hydrogen, halogen,  $C_1$ - $C_4$ alkyl or  $C_1$ - $C_4$ haloalkyl, wherein an alkylene ring may be fused or spiro-bound to the carbon atoms of the group  $Z_2$ , which alkylene ring, together with the carbon atoms of the group  $Z_2$ , to which it is bonded, contains from 2 to 6 carbon atoms and may be interrupted by oxygen, or the alkylene ring bridges at least one ring atom of the group  $Z_2$ ;

G is hydrogen, - $C(X_1)$ - $R_{30}$ , - $C(X_2)$ - $X_3$ - $R_{31}$ , - $C(X_4)$ - $NR_{32}(R_{33})$ , - $S(O)_2$ - $R_{34}$ , - $P(X_5)R_{35}R_{36}$ , - $CH_2$ - $X_6$ - $R_{37}$  or an alkali metal, alkaline earth metal, sulfonium or ammonium cation;

$X_1$ ,  $X_2$ ,  $X_3$ ,  $X_4$ ,  $X_5$  and  $X_6$  are, each independently of the others, oxygen or sulfur;

$R_{30}$ ,  $R_{31}$ ,  $R_{32}$ ,  $R_{33}$ ,  $R_{34}$ ,  $R_{35}$ ,  $R_{36}$  and  $R_{37}$  are, each independently of the others, hydrogen,  $C_1$ - $C_{10}$ alkyl,  $C_1$ - $C_{10}$ haloalkyl,  $C_1$ - $C_{10}$ cyanoalkyl,  $C_1$ - $C_{10}$ nitroalkyl,  $C_1$ - $C_{10}$ aminoalkyl,  $C_2$ - $C_5$ -alkenyl,  $C_2$ - $C_5$ haloalkenyl,  $C_3$ - $C_8$ cycloalkyl,  $C_1$ - $C_5$ alkylamino- $C_1$ - $C_5$ alkyl, di( $C_1$ - $C_5$ alkyl)amino- $C_1$ - $C_5$ alkyl,  $C_3$ - $C_7$ cycloalkyl- $C_1$ - $C_5$ alkyl,  $C_1$ - $C_5$ alkoxy- $C_1$ - $C_5$ alkyl,  $C_3$ - $C_5$ alkenyloxy- $C_1$ - $C_5$ alkyl,  $C_3$ - $C_5$ alkynyloxy- $C_1$ - $C_5$ alkyl,  $C_1$ - $C_5$ alkylthio- $C_1$ - $C_5$ alkyl,  $C_1$ - $C_5$ alkylsulfoxy- $C_1$ - $C_5$ alkyl,  $C_1$ - $C_5$ -alkylsulfonyl- $C_1$ - $C_5$ alkyl,  $C_2$ - $C_8$ alkylideneaminooxy- $C_1$ - $C_5$ alkyl,  $C_1$ - $C_5$ alkylcarbonyl- $C_1$ - $C_5$ alkyl,  $C_1$ - $C_5$ alkoxycarbonyl- $C_1$ - $C_5$ alkyl,  $C_1$ - $C_5$ alkylaminocarbonyl- $C_1$ - $C_5$ alkyl, di( $C_1$ - $C_5$ alkyl)-aminocarbonyl- $C_1$ - $C_5$ alkyl,  $C_1$ - $C_5$ alkylcarbonylamino- $C_1$ - $C_5$ alkyl,  $C_1$ - $C_5$ alkylcarbonyl-( $C_1$ - $C_5$ -alkyl)-amino- $C_1$ - $C_5$ alkyl, tri( $C_1$ - or  $C_2$ -alkyl)silyl- $C_1$ - $C_5$ alkyl, phenyl, heteroaryl, phenyl- $C_1$ - $C_5$ -alkyl, heteroaryl- $C_1$ - $C_5$ alkyl, phenoxy- $C_1$ - $C_5$ alkyl or heteroaryloxy- $C_1$ - $C_5$ alkyl, wherein the afore-mentioned aromatic rings may be substituted by halogen, nitro, cyano, amino,

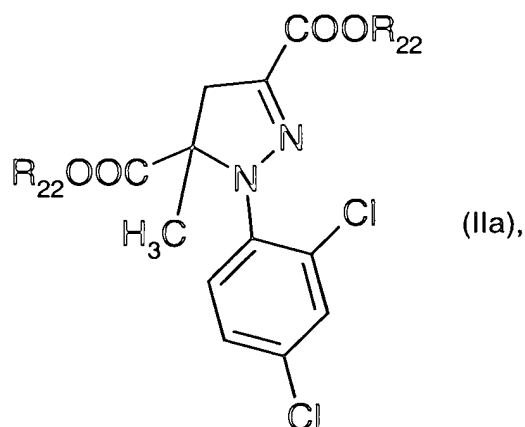
di(C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>4</sub>alkyl)amino, hydroxy, methoxy, ethoxy, methylthio, ethylthio, formyl, acetyl, propionyl, carboxyl, C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>5</sub>alkoxycarbonyl or by C<sub>1</sub>- or C<sub>2</sub>-haloalkyl;

R<sub>34</sub>, R<sub>35</sub> and R<sub>36</sub> are, in addition, C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>10</sub>alkoxy, C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>10</sub>haloalkoxy, C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>5</sub>alkylamino, di(C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>5</sub>-alkyl)amino, benzyloxy or phenoxy, wherein the aromatic rings of the last two substituents may be substituted by halogen, nitro, cyano, amino, dimethylamino, hydroxy, methoxy, ethoxy, methylthio, ethylthio, formyl, acetyl, propionyl, carboxyl, C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>5</sub>alkoxycarbonyl or by C<sub>1</sub>- or C<sub>2</sub>-haloalkyl; and

R<sub>37</sub> is, in addition, C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>10</sub>alkylcarbonyl,

or a salt or diastereoisomer of a compound of formula I, and

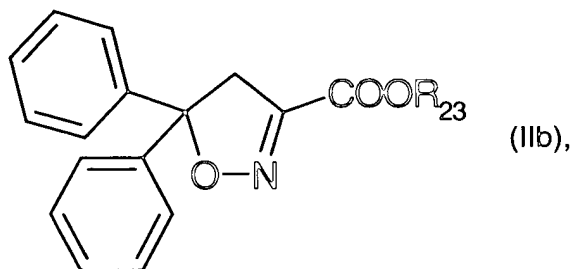
b) an amount, which is effective for antagonism of the herbicide, of a safener of formula IIa



wherein

R<sub>22</sub> is hydrogen, or an alkali metal, alkaline earth metal, sulfonium or ammonium cation, or ethyl,

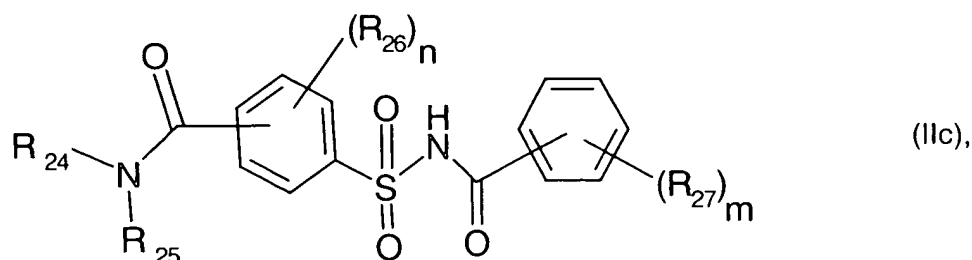
or of formula IIb



wherein

R<sub>23</sub> is hydrogen, or an alkali metal, alkaline earth metal, sulfonium or ammonium cation, or ethyl,

or of formula IIc



wherein

$R_{24}$  and  $R_{25}$  are, each independently of the other, hydrogen,  $C_1$ - $C_6$ alkyl,  $C_2$ - $C_6$ alkenyl,  $C_2$ - $C_6$ alkynyl or  $C_3$ - $C_6$ cycloalkyl;

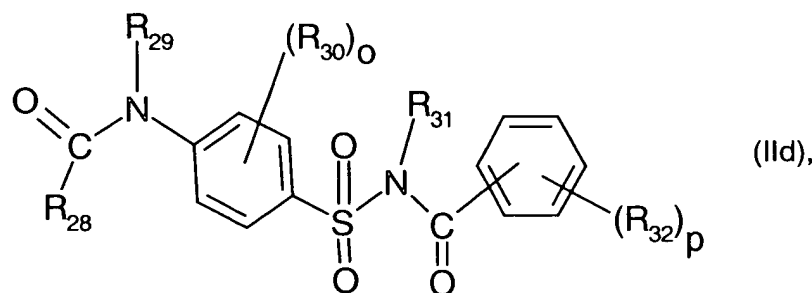
$R_{26}$  is hydrogen, halogen,  $C_1$ - $C_4$ alkyl,  $C_1$ - $C_6$ haloalkyl or  $C_1$ - $C_6$ haloalkoxy; or the radicals  $R_{26}$  are, each independently of the other(s), hydrogen, halogen,  $C_1$ - $C_4$ alkyl,  $C_1$ - $C_6$ haloalkyl or  $C_1$ - $C_6$ haloalkoxy;

$R_{27}$  is hydrogen, halogen,  $C_1$ - $C_4$ alkyl,  $C_1$ - $C_4$ haloalkyl,  $C_1$ - $C_4$ alkoxy,  $C_1$ - $C_4$ haloalkoxy,  $C_1$ - $C_4$ alkylthio,  $C_1$ - $C_4$ alkoxycarbonyl or nitro; or the radicals  $R_{27}$  are, each independently of the other, hydrogen, halogen,  $C_1$ - $C_4$ alkyl,  $C_1$ - $C_4$ haloalkyl,  $C_1$ - $C_4$ alkoxy,  $C_1$ - $C_4$ haloalkoxy,  $C_1$ - $C_4$ alkylthio,  $C_1$ - $C_4$ alkoxycarbonyl or nitro;

$n$  is 0, 1, 2 or 3; and

$m$  is 1 or 2,

or of formula IIId



wherein

$R_{28}$  is hydrogen,  $C_1$ - $C_6$ alkyl,  $C_1$ - $C_6$ alkoxy,  $C_1$ - $C_6$ alkylthio,  $C_3$ - $C_8$ cycloalkyl, phenyl, phenyl- $C_1$ - $C_6$ alkyl or heteroaryl, wherein the afore-mentioned hydrocarbon radicals may be substituted by halogen, cyano, nitro, amino, hydroxy, carboxyl, formyl, carbonamide or by sulfonamide;

$R_{29}$  is hydrogen,  $C_1$ - $C_6$ alkyl or  $C_1$ - $C_4$ haloalkyl;

$R_{30}$  is hydrogen, halogen,  $C_1$ - $C_4$ alkyl,  $C_1$ - $C_4$ haloalkyl,  $C_1$ - $C_4$ alkoxy,  $C_1$ - $C_4$ alkylthio,  $C_1$ - $C_4$ alkylsulfonyl, cyano, nitro, formyl or carboxyl; or the radicals  $R_{30}$  are, each independently of the

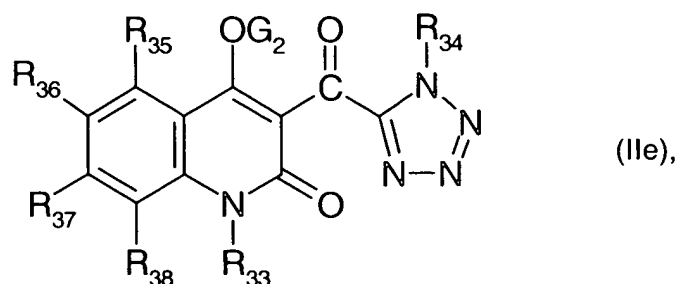
other, hydrogen, halogen, C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>4</sub>alkyl, C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>4</sub>haloalkyl, C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>4</sub>alkoxy, C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>4</sub>alkylthio, C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>4</sub>alkylsulfonyl, cyano, nitro, formyl or carboxyl;

R<sub>31</sub> is hydrogen, C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>6</sub>alkyl or C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>4</sub>haloalkyl;

R<sub>32</sub> is hydrogen, halogen, C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>4</sub>alkyl, C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>4</sub>haloalkyl, C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>4</sub>alkoxy, C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>4</sub>alkylthio, C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>4</sub>alkylsulfonyl, cyano, nitro, formyl or carboxyl; or the radicals R<sub>32</sub> are, each independently of the other, hydrogen, halogen, C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>4</sub>alkyl, C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>4</sub>haloalkyl, C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>4</sub>alkoxy, C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>4</sub>alkylthio, C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>4</sub>alkylsulfonyl, cyano, nitro, formyl or carboxyl; and

o and p are, each independently of the other, 0, 1 or 2,

or of formula IIe



wherein

G<sub>2</sub> is hydrogen, formyl, C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>6</sub>alkylcarbonyl, C<sub>2</sub>-C<sub>6</sub>alkenylcarbonyl, C<sub>2</sub>-C<sub>6</sub>alkynylcarbonyl, C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>6</sub>alkoxycarbonyl, (C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>6</sub>alkylthio)carbonyl, C<sub>3</sub>-C<sub>8</sub>cycloalkylcarbonyl, phenyl-C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>6</sub>alkylcarbonyl, phenylcarbonyl, C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>6</sub>alkylsulfonyl, C<sub>2</sub>-C<sub>6</sub>alkenylsulfonyl or phenylsulfonyl, wherein the afore-mentioned hydrocarbon radicals may be substituted by halogen, cyano, nitro, amino, methoxy, ethoxy or by phenyl;

R<sub>33</sub> is hydrogen, C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>6</sub>alkyl, C<sub>2</sub>-C<sub>6</sub>alkenyl, C<sub>2</sub>-C<sub>6</sub>alkynyl, C<sub>3</sub>-C<sub>8</sub>cycloalkyl, formyl, C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>6</sub>alkylcarbonyl, C<sub>2</sub>-C<sub>6</sub>alkenylcarbonyl, C<sub>2</sub>-C<sub>6</sub>alkynylcarbonyl, C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>6</sub>alkoxycarbonyl, (C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>6</sub>alkylthio)carbonyl, C<sub>3</sub>-C<sub>8</sub>cycloalkylcarbonyl, C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>6</sub>alkylsulfonyl, C<sub>2</sub>-C<sub>6</sub>alkenylsulfonyl or phenylsulfonyl, wherein the afore-mentioned hydrocarbon radicals may be substituted by halogen, cyano, nitro, amino, methoxy, ethoxy or by phenyl;

R<sub>34</sub> is hydrogen, C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>6</sub>alkyl, C<sub>2</sub>-C<sub>6</sub>alkenyl, C<sub>2</sub>-C<sub>6</sub>alkynyl, C<sub>3</sub>-C<sub>8</sub>cycloalkyl, formyl, C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>6</sub>alkylcarbonyl, C<sub>2</sub>-C<sub>6</sub>alkenylcarbonyl, C<sub>2</sub>-C<sub>6</sub>alkynylcarbonyl, C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>6</sub>alkoxycarbonyl, (C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>6</sub>alkylthio)carbonyl, C<sub>3</sub>-C<sub>8</sub>cycloalkylcarbonyl, C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>6</sub>alkylsulfonyl, C<sub>2</sub>-C<sub>6</sub>alkenylsulfonyl or phenylsulfonyl, wherein the afore-mentioned hydrocarbon radicals may be substituted by halogen, cyano, nitro, amino, methoxy, ethoxy or by phenyl;

R<sub>35</sub>, R<sub>36</sub>, R<sub>37</sub> and R<sub>38</sub> are, each independently of the others, hydrogen, halogen, amino, C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>3</sub>alkylamino, di(C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>3</sub>alkyl)amino, hydroxy, cyano, nitro, formyl, carboxyl, C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>6</sub>alkoxy,

C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>6</sub>haloalkoxy, C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>6</sub>alkylcarbonyl, C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>6</sub>alkoxycarbonyl, C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>6</sub>alkyl, C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>6</sub>haloalkyl, C<sub>2</sub>-C<sub>6</sub>-alkenyl or C<sub>2</sub>-C<sub>6</sub>alkynyl; or

R<sub>38</sub> and R<sub>33</sub>, together with the ring atoms to which they are bonded, form a five- or six-membered saturated or unsaturated ring that contains up to 2 identical or different hetero atoms selected from the group oxygen, sulfur and nitrogen and that may be interrupted by a -C(O)- radical.

2. A composition according to claim 1, which comprises as active ingredient a mixture of  
a) a herbicidally effective amount of a herbicide of formula I, wherein

R<sub>1</sub>, R<sub>3</sub>, R<sub>4</sub>, R<sub>5</sub> and G are as defined in claim 1, and

b) an amount, which is effective for antagonism of the herbicide, of a safener of formula IIa, wherein

R<sub>22</sub> is as defined in claim 1 for formula IIa,

or of formula IIb, wherein

R<sub>23</sub> is as defined in claim 1 for formula IIb,

or of formula IIc, wherein

R<sub>24</sub> and R<sub>25</sub> are, each independently of the other, hydrogen, C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>6</sub>alkyl, C<sub>2</sub>-C<sub>6</sub>alkenyl, C<sub>2</sub>-C<sub>6</sub>-alkynyl or C<sub>3</sub>-C<sub>6</sub>cycloalkyl;

R<sub>26</sub> is halogen, C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>4</sub>alkyl or C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>4</sub>haloalkyl;

R<sub>27</sub> is halogen, C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>4</sub>alkyl, C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>4</sub>haloalkyl, C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>4</sub>alkoxy, C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>4</sub>alkylthio, C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>4</sub>alkoxycarbonyl or nitro;

n is 0, 1, 2 or 3; and

m is 1 or 2.

3. A composition according to claim 1, wherein R<sub>1</sub> and R<sub>3</sub> in the compounds of formula I are, each independently of the other, ethyl, haloethyl, ethynyl, C<sub>1</sub>- or C<sub>2</sub>-alkoxy or C<sub>1</sub>- or C<sub>2</sub>-haloalkoxy.

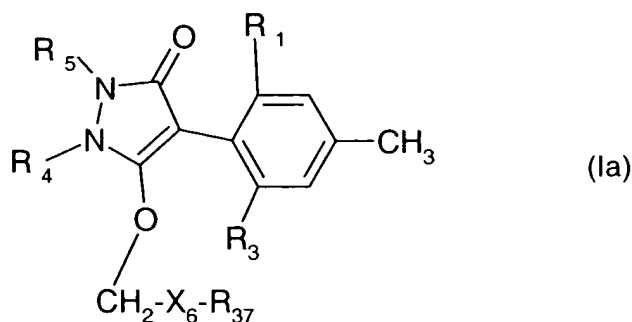
4. A composition according to claim 1, wherein R<sub>4</sub> and R<sub>5</sub> in the compounds of formula I together form a group Z<sub>2</sub> -CR<sub>14</sub>(R<sub>15</sub>)-CR<sub>16</sub>(R<sub>17</sub>)-O-CR<sub>18</sub>(R<sub>19</sub>)-CR<sub>20</sub>(R<sub>21</sub>)- (Z<sub>2</sub>), wherein R<sub>14</sub>, R<sub>15</sub>, R<sub>16</sub>, R<sub>17</sub>, R<sub>18</sub>, R<sub>19</sub>, R<sub>20</sub> and R<sub>21</sub> are hydrogen.

5. A composition according to claim 1, wherein G in the compounds of formula I is hydrogen, -C(X<sub>1</sub>)-R<sub>30</sub>, -C(X<sub>2</sub>)-X<sub>3</sub>-R<sub>31</sub>, -C(X<sub>4</sub>)-NR<sub>32</sub>(R<sub>33</sub>), -S(O)<sub>2</sub>-R<sub>34</sub>, -P(X<sub>5</sub>)R<sub>35</sub>R<sub>36</sub>, -CH<sub>2</sub>-X<sub>6</sub>-R<sub>37</sub> or an alkali

metal, alkaline earth metal, sulfonium or ammonium cation;  $X_1$ ,  $X_2$ ,  $X_3$ ,  $X_4$ ,  $X_5$  and  $X_6$  are, each independently of the others, oxygen or sulfur;  $R_{30}$ ,  $R_{31}$ ,  $R_{32}$ ,  $R_{33}$ ,  $R_{34}$ ,  $R_{35}$ ,  $R_{36}$  and  $R_{37}$  are, each independently of the others, hydrogen,  $C_1$ - $C_8$ alkyl,  $C_1$ - $C_8$ haloalkyl,  $C_1$ - $C_8$ cycloalkyl,  $C_1$ - $C_8$ nitroalkyl,  $C_1$ - $C_8$ aminoalkyl,  $C_2$ - $C_5$ alkenyl,  $C_2$ - $C_5$ haloalkenyl,  $C_3$ - $C_8$ cycloalkyl,  $C_1$ - $C_5$ alkylamino- $C_1$ - $C_2$ alkyl, di( $C_1$ - $C_5$ alkyl)amino- $C_1$ - $C_2$ alkyl,  $C_3$ - $C_7$ cycloalkyl- $C_1$ - $C_2$ alkyl,  $C_1$ - $C_4$ alkoxy- $C_1$ - $C_4$ alkyl,  $C_2$ - $C_4$ alkenyloxy- $C_1$ - $C_4$ alkyl,  $C_3$ - $C_4$ alkynyloxy- $C_1$ - $C_4$ alkyl,  $C_1$ - $C_4$ alkylthio- $C_1$ - $C_4$ alkyl,  $C_1$ - $C_2$ alkylsulfoxy- $C_1$ - $C_2$ alkyl,  $C_1$ - $C_2$ alkylsulfonyl- $C_1$ - $C_2$ alkyl,  $C_2$ - $C_8$ alkylideneaminoxy- $C_1$ - $C_2$ alkyl,  $C_1$ - $C_5$ alkylcarbonyl- $C_1$ - $C_2$ alkyl,  $C_1$ - $C_5$ alkoxycarbonyl- $C_1$ - $C_2$ alkyl,  $C_1$ - $C_5$ alkylaminocarbonyl- $C_1$ - $C_2$ alkyl, di( $C_1$ - $C_4$ alkyl)aminocarbonyl- $C_1$ - $C_2$ alkyl,  $C_1$ - $C_5$ alkylcarbonylamino- $C_1$ - $C_2$ alkyl,  $C_1$ - $C_2$ alkylcarbonyl-( $C_1$ - $C_3$ alkyl)-amino- $C_1$ - $C_2$ alkyl, tri( $C_1$ - or  $C_2$ -alkyl)silyl- $C_1$ - $C_3$ alkyl, phenyl, heteroaryl, phenyl- $C_1$ - $C_2$ alkyl, heteroaryl- $C_1$ - $C_2$ alkyl, phenoxy- $C_1$ - $C_2$ alkyl or heteroaryloxy- $C_1$ - $C_2$ alkyl;  $R_{34}$ ,  $R_{35}$  and  $R_{36}$  are, in addition,  $C_1$ - $C_6$ alkoxy,  $C_1$ - $C_6$ haloalkoxy,  $C_1$ - $C_3$ alkylamino, di( $C_1$ - $C_3$ alkyl)amino, benzyloxy or phenoxy, wherein the aromatic rings of the last two substituents may be substituted by halogen, nitro, cyano, amino, dimethylamino, hydroxy, methoxy, ethoxy, methylthio, ethylthio, formyl, acetyl, propionyl, carboxyl,  $C_1$ - $C_5$ alkoxycarbonyl or by  $C_1$ - or  $C_2$ -haloalkyl; and  $R_{37}$  is, in addition,  $C_1$ - $C_8$ alkylcarbonyl.

6. A composition according to claim 5, wherein G is hydrogen,  $-C(X_1)-R_{30}$ ,  $-C(X_2)-X_3-R_{31}$ ,  $-C(X_4)-NR_{32}(R_{33})$ ,  $-S(O)_2-R_{34}$ ,  $-P(X_5)\overline{R_{35}R_{36}}$ ,  $-CH_2-X_6-R_{37}$  or an alkali metal, alkaline earth metal, sulfonium or ammonium cation;  $X_1$ ,  $X_2$ ,  $X_3$ ,  $X_4$ ,  $X_5$  and  $X_6$  are, each independently of the others, oxygen or sulfur;  $R_{30}$ ,  $R_{31}$ ,  $R_{32}$ ,  $R_{33}$ ,  $R_{34}$ ,  $R_{35}$ ,  $R_{36}$  and  $R_{37}$  are, each independently of the others, hydrogen,  $C_1$ - $C_8$ alkyl,  $C_1$ - $C_8$ haloalkyl,  $C_2$ - $C_5$ alkenyl,  $C_2$ - $C_5$ haloalkenyl,  $C_3$ - $C_8$ cycloalkyl,  $C_3$ - $C_7$ cycloalkyl- $C_1$ - $C_2$ alkyl,  $C_1$ - $C_4$ alkoxy- $C_1$ - $C_4$ alkyl, phenyl, heteroaryl, phenyl- $C_1$ - $C_2$ alkyl, heteroaryl- $C_1$ - $C_2$ alkyl, phenoxy- $C_1$ - $C_2$ alkyl or heteroaryloxy- $C_1$ - $C_2$ alkyl;  $R_{34}$ ,  $R_{35}$  and  $R_{36}$  are, in addition,  $C_1$ - $C_6$ alkoxy,  $C_1$ - $C_3$ alkylamino or di( $C_1$ - $C_3$ alkyl)amino; and  $R_{37}$  is, in addition,  $C_1$ - $C_8$ alkylcarbonyl.

7. A compound of formula Ia



wherein  $R_1$ ,  $R_3$ ,  $R_4$ ,  $R_5$ ,  $R_{37}$  and  $X_6$  are as defined in claim 1.

8. A method of selectively controlling weeds and grasses in crops of useful plants, which comprises treating the useful plants, their seeds or seedlings or the crop area thereof with, simultaneously or separately, a) a herbicidally effective amount of a herbicide of formula I, b) an amount, which is effective for antagonism of the herbicide, of a safener of formula II and, optionally, c) an additive comprising an oil of vegetable origin or an alkylated derivative thereof, or a mineral oil or a mixture thereof.

9. A method according to claim 8, which comprises treating crops of useful plants or crop areas for crops of useful plants with from 0.001 to 2 kg/ha of a herbicide of formula I and an amount of from 0.001 to 0.5 kg/ha of a safener of formula II.

10. A method according to claim 8, wherein the crops of useful plants are cereals, maize and sorghum.

11. A composition according to claim 1, which also comprises, in addition to the formulation adjuvants, an oil additive in the form of a vegetable oil concentrate consisting of the 4 components (A) from 20 to 90 % by weight of an alkyl ester of a higher fatty acid ( $C_4$ - $C_{22}$ ), (B) from 4 to 40 % by weight of an anionic surfactant, (C) from 2 to 20 % by weight of a higher fatty acid ( $C_{10}$ - $C_{20}$ ), and (D) up to 140 % by weight, based on the total amount of components (A) to (C), of a hydrocarbon.

12. A composition according to claim 11, wherein (A) is a  $C_1$ - $C_4$ alkyl ester of a  $C_{12}$ - $C_{18}$  fatty acid, (B) is an anionic surfactant of the dodecylbenzylsulfonate type, (C) is a  $C_{12}$ - $C_{18}$  fatty acid, and (D) is an aromatic hydrocarbon.